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Roads dug up for storm drain work disrupt life

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Civic body plans Rs 6-cr revival of food street

Footpath along Race Course Road is always dug up — now, after cutting open sidewalk for skywalk work, contractor goes missing...

THE SLIPPERY CONTRACTOR

BBMP decides 'to relocate proposed skywalk' after all that digging

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The footpath on Race Course Road is once again in the news for wrong reasons.

The footpath made news when Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) dug it up last year. A portion of the footpath was dug up recently to construct a skywalk for the benefit of Government Ramnarayan Chellaram College students and others to reach the other side of the road to board Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses.

However, the purpose was not served and the dug up portion has remained open since then causing a lot of inconvenience not only to the students but also pedestrians. A criminal complaint was lodged against the contractor in question, who, we are told, has been missing in action.

The BBMP had assigned the contractor to construct the skywalk. Thereafter the contractor engaged workers to dig the footpath. It is said, as the BBMP engineer found a Cauvery water pipeline passing under the footpath, the

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"It will be better if the BMBP takes measures to restore the footpath to avoid pedestrians or children falling into the ditch...
– Sreelekha, student

Bin-to-bin, no plastic, please!

How easy availability, rampant use of single-use garbage bags despite ban affect urban waste management

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Five months after the ban on single-use plastic, environmentalists and activists are still worried about the rampant use and easy availability of single-use garbage bags.

These garbage bags can be bought from online e-commerce platforms where they are still available despite the ban.

"The easy availability of these products is the major issue. Because it is convenient to line garbage bins, people are still making use of plastic bags which are harming the environment. The pollution control board should intervene and take action against the sale of the products," environment activist Dr Shanthi Tummala told Bangalore Mirror.

On the other hand, people can easily find green 'compostable' garbage bags in stores as well as online. These bags are made by manufacturers certified by the Central Pollution Control Board and are biodegradable.

However, not many people are aware that in Bengaluru, even compostable bags are not to be used for waste segregation as per the recent

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Echoes of Earth

Echoes Of Earth, India's greenest music festival is back after a three-year hiatus. The festival is set to bring back the essence of conscious lifestyle events that promote mindfulness, sustainability, and an alternate, circular lifestyle, with inventive stages created from upcycled material and curating eclectic music genres that are known to bring together a new-age listening audience.
Where: Embassy Riding School
When: December 3 & 4, 3 pm onwards
Tickets: echoesofearth.com/

02 Classical tunes

World-renowned Indian classical music artistes, across disciplines of Carnatic, Hindustani, Kathak, Tabla and Sitar will be performing at the Whitefield Music Festival 2022 presented by Ananda Dhwani Music Trust. Fourteen renowned maestros and artistes from across India would be performing, engaging and entertaining the audience with their performances in five concerts scheduled over the two days.
Where: Inner Circle Ground, Whitefield
When: December 3 - 4, 5 pm onwards
RSVP: 96064 44452

03 Art for thought

Blr Creative Circus presents an exhibition of paintings by Namita Kulkarni. This series was made as a result of a grant from ICAAD (International Centre for Advocates Against Discrimination), a human rights advocacy centre in New York. The idea is to make explicit the link between colonialism and the climate crisis. Often framed as simply a matter of reducing carbon emissions, the climate crisis is a result of colonialism, both historical and ongoing.
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus
When: Till December 15, (Mondays closed), 11:00 am to 7 PM; Info: 9920944966

The cycle of fear and apathy

Cyclists demand bollards be placed to demarcate their lanes and keep motorists from getting too close

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The issue of bollards needed to demarcate cycle tracks is not a new one. Time and again, cyclists in Bengaluru have reinforced the requirement of bollards that will help protect them and ensure motorists do not enter their lanes. However, despite much hue and cry, the cyclists' community say that bollards keep going missing and lanes are encroached upon.

Sathya Sankaran, bicycle mayor of Bengaluru said, "Bollards are a very good strategy to safeguard cyclists as these will allow the cycle to pass through but not bikes and other vehicles. Apart from that, there should be strict surveillance of the cycle tracks by the traffic police."

Several months ago, cyclists conducted an experiment. They chose a stretch on Outer Ring Road where bikers would often illegally zoom off on the cycle tracks, often hitting them in the process. Cyclists then took bollards, put them in place demarcating the lane.

The results of the experiment showed that in those cycle lanes where there were no bollards, around 10 bikers passed by the cycle lane in a minute. However, when bollards were placed at the entrance of the cycle lanes, motorists veered away while cyclists got their space back.

Despite this, bollards continue to go missing and cyclists are still at risk of getting hit by bikes.

Vijay Reddy, another cyclist, said, "The cycle tracks are encroached upon so much that some of us have to take through the main road which is quite risky.."

. The cyclists say that strict fine should be imposed upon people who violate the cycle tracks.

Ajit Ashok, another cyclist, added that just a few days ago, he almost had a collision with a bike while cycling on the track at Old Airport Road. The authorities should take this into consideration and take necessary action to stop these incidents."

The cyclists also said that these incidents demotivate people from cycling.

Krishna Rao, another cyclist, said, these incidents discourage people from cycling. If they are seeing that cycling is so risky, then they will give it up. "A friend of mine stopped cycling because she felt that it was too unsafe. It is a healthy sport and eco-friendly as well."

A BBMP official said that they would look into the matter.

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Bollards that divided the cycle lane from the Outer Ring Road connecting Silk Board to Agara were removed mysteriously
Ballad of the missing bollards

Our story last year reported how bollards would keep going missing from Bengaluru's cycle tracks

Rediscovering butterflies and bees

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The sixth edition of the Butterfly and Bee Festival being held at the Doresanipalya Forest Research Station has started off with a bang.

The event is being organised by Karnataka Forest Department in association with National Centre For Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru Butterfly Club (BBC), Jungle Lodges and Resorts, and Indian Foundation for Butterflies.

On December 3, visitors interested to learn about butterflies and bees will be taken to the Doresanipalya Forest Research Station to witness 135 species of butterflies.

Nagesh Ramamurthy, Member of Bangalore Butterfly Club (BBC) said, "For the current edition, we have seen students from different schools take part. Every year we have

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500 plus school children who participate. Apart from school children, there are 200-300 other participants."

The awareness week included programmes like expert talks, planting of saplings, releasing of butterflies, photo exhibition, drawing exhibitions and quizzes.

From November 28 - December 2, the department held nature walks daily and drawing competitions for school children. Experts also presented their views.

Various experts spoke about different topics that threw light on the life cycle of butterflies and the species found in various districts. Dr Deepak Naik, who has been documenting butterflies for a decade and authored a book on butterflies spoke about the butterflies in Dakhin Kannada.

Another expert, Manidip Mandal, spoke about the egg-laying strategies in butterflies while Netra Bhat, a homemaker has been observing butterflies from eight years and has recorded 197 species of butterflies from Siddapur (Uttar Kannada), spoke about the butterflies present in Uttar Kannada.

A Pavendham, president of The Nature and Butterfly Society, has been observing butterflies and birds from 12 years. He gave a talk on butterfly migration in Tamil Nadu while expert, Apoorva BV, spoke about the bees of Bengaluru and its vital existence in urban habitat.

Who's calling? Do we really need to know

TRAI seeks suggestions from people if there is need to display name and details of callers on their phones

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It is likely that we may soon not have to depend on third party apps to see who is calling us. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has floated a consultation paper to check the feasibility of introducing caller name and details on people's phones.

Currently, telecom service providers offer Calling Line Identification Presentation (CLIP) as a supplementary service. This means when a person gets a call, the telephone number of the party calling is displayed. As of now, the CLIP service does not adequately identify the caller. Now, there is a demand for name also to be displayed on the phone.

As of now, only the numbers are displayed if the caller's details are not saved in the phone of the one receiving the call

As of now, mobile phone handsets provide a feature (such as 'contact list') which allows the device owner to store names of the parties who call them. "When one gets a call, the device searches for the number in its contact list. If the number is stored in the contact list, the device displays the name. If the number is not saved in the contact list, only the number is displayed," said an official.

According to the official, they have received requests for more identification to be displayed as they prefer not to attend calls from unknown phone numbers, as most of such calls are unsolicited commercial communications (UCCs) from unregistered telemarketers. "As a result, even genuine calls can go unanswered. In the absence of service, many are now depending on third party apps," said the official.

Suresh Kumar, a techie, told BM he doesn't answer calls from numbers not in his contact list. "I think it is a better idea to get details of the caller so that we can judge if we need to take the call or call back if we missed it," he said.

Sowmya R, a businesswoman, said she does get unsolicited calls and it can be an annoyance. "As a businesswoman, I may have to take the call even if the name is not displayed as it may be a call from a client. However, most of the time, these are unsolicited calls. Despite the introduction of the DND registry, we continue to get such calls. For me, the caller identification can be a boon."

The TRAI is seeking suggestions on whether there is a need to introduce the Calling Name Presentation (CNAP) supplementary service in the telecommunication networks and if yes, then whether the CNAP service should be mandatorily activated for each telephone subscriber.

Soliloquy 2.0

Meta has rolled out a new feature where one can message oneself. According to Economic Times, this feature is available for iOS and Android users. This feature allows users to have a one-to-one conversation with themselves on the platform where they can send notes, updates, pictures and documents to themselves in their own chat. The chat will be visible only to the user.

For sake of auto drivers: 'Revisit fares regularly'

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With auto aggregator platforms fretting over the new fare structure, the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has written to the Karnataka government, urging it to revisit fares on an annual basis or when fuel prices increase by 25 per cent.

The IAMAI wrote to the Transport Department regarding the regulation of auto rickshaws registered on aggregator platforms. Noting that there have been significant macroeconomic factors that impacted fares demanded by auto drivers, the association highlighted that auto fares have only been revised twice in a decade. It recommended that auto fares be revised on regular basis.

In the light of recent cap on service charges, it further added that government should not over-regulate the sector by deciding their revenue share models and allow for ease of doing business. The letter further stated, "It may further be noted that the Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines, 2020 published by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, in addition to recognising that auto rickshaws can be aggregated by the aggregator platforms, has also allowed for a 20% commission to be charged by such platforms. We would therefore request the Government to remove the 10% cap on platform fee."

Drivers are unhappy with convenience fee for autos in ride-hailing apps being capped at 5 per cent

It also added that to optimise driver availability and rider demand, the government should permit a flexible pricing system. It highlighted that it is essential to incentivise drivers for offering services during abnormal weather, festivals, rush hours etc.

The association also requested the government to hold biannual consultations with mobility platforms on a matter related to the sector not limited to fares and fuel prices.

Mobile thieves nabbed

In a massive operation, the Vijaynagar police have arrested notorious mobile phone thieves. The gang has been active for four years and had stolen several mobile phones across the city, said the police. The police has seized mobile phones worth Rs 30 lakh from the gang. The accused are identified as 24-year-old Tabrez Khan, Shabaz Khan, Shabu, 22-year-old Sajjad Khan and 39-year-old Rizwan Pasha. Three two-wheelers and one auto and 204 mobiles worth Rs 30.11 lakh were seized from the accused. **— BMB**

M'luru blast: NIA steps in

The National Investigation Agency has taken over the probe into the November 19 Mangaluru auto-rickshaw blast that injured two, including the prime suspect, officials said on Thursday. The Islamic Resistance Council (IRC), a little known outfit, has reportedly claimed responsibility for the blast, saying one of its "Mujahid brothers Mohammed Shariq" attempted to attack a "Hindutva Temple in Kadri". Meawhile, the police had begun questioning Shariq following his recovery from critical burn injuries. Shashikumar said that after the doctors declared him fit, the sleuths questioned him and recorded his statements on Wednesday. **— Agencies**

Dig mess: Upside down & inside out in Belathur

First it was the floods, now residents of apartment complexes in area have to deal with BBMP-made disaster - drain construction work that won't end

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A majority of the 2nd Main Road in Belathur has been dug up and residents in the area have been complaining about power cuts becoming more frequent; they are also unable to take their vehicles out

The unplanned and slow-paced construction of a new storm-water drain (SWD) has left Belathur residents in a fix. A few months ago, the entire area was affected by heavy floods for days along with other major regions of the city. Following that, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) SWD department decided to construct a new SWD drain in the area.

However, locals say that the construction is unnecessary and authorities should instead focus on desilting existing SWDs and rajakaluves in the area that were encroached upon as they were the major reason behind the recent floods in the Mahadevapura zone.

For the SWD construction, a majority of the 2nd Main Road in Belathur has been dug up. Residents in the area say that they are not able to take any vehicles out for almost two months because of this.

Sunny Patil, a resident of 3rd Main Road, Belathur, said "The work is going on at a really slow pace. In the 30 feet road, hardly three or four feet of space has been left for us to walk. If the priority was given to desilting, the issue could have been easily resolved."

Many major apartments like Prime Mansion, Vivek Sansakar, and Highlife Nature are situated in the area with over 500 flats. All the residents have been facing a hard time because of the unplanned construction. They said that they have urged the SWD Department several times over the past month to speed up, but no action was taken. Belathur canal, which is the remnant of Dakshina Pinakini river, flows near the area. Residents say it is one of the major reasons behind the recent floods.

Buddha Reddy, also a resident, said, "Until and unless they resolve the main issue, how can they start another construction? First, resolve the main issue - the encroachment of Dakshina Pinakini river, and then if there is a need, start the construction. Authorities do not want to take the blame for encroachment, so they are putting the residents through trouble."

The residents also said that authorities should discuss things with them before starting a major construction job.

"There is no space to walk, let alone any car or two-wheeler. People are facing a lot of problems because of this. School buses are unable to enter the area. Children have to cross through a narrow patch along the main road. If there is any emergency in the apartment, there is no way for an ambulance to access this patch," said another resident.

Because of the digging, power cuts have also become frequent.

"There are power cuts and internet cables have been affected. Since a lot of people work from home, it has become a huge problem. Due to the digging, the 11 kV line was also affected, and as a result, there are no streetlights in the area and along the alternate route. We cannot go out after dark," said Navneet Pai, a resident of Vivek Sansakar apartments.

A BBMP official said that construction has not been halted and they are unsure about when the work will be complete.

Heavy vehicles: Stop. Traffic: Go

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Commuters have pointed out that the move by Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) to prohibit heavy transport vehicles (HTVs) in many areas of the city has helped with easing the flow of traffic.

HTVs have been observed to pose risks to commuters as many of them drive at high speeds, and during peak hours, add to traffic congestion.

The recently appointed Bengaluru Traffic Special Commissioner, MA Saleem, had issued a circular on the banning of goods vehicles at the Hebbal flyover between 8:30 am and 10:30 am every day. As a result, many commuters passing through the stretch have seen traffic becoming smoother. Apoorva MC, a resident of Kodigehalli, said, "I have to travel to Palace Road every day from Kodigehalli and I take the Hebbal flyover. Until last month, there was bad congestion with a lot of heavy vehicles occupying the area and slowing down traffic. Now, the traffic situation is much better. Although traffic issues still prevail, the flyover has become significantly decongested."

Similarly, the prohibition of HTVs has been implemented in various stretches of the city. The Peenya traffic police prohibited HTV movement between Tumakuru Road and Nice Road junction. "The stretch connects to multiple areas like Yeshwantpur, Sadashivanagar, Malleswaram, and Sanjaynagar. It used to take over an hour to reach these places from Yeshwantpur. The movement of trucks and lorries were at large in these places. They would even be seen speeding and honking loudly. Now, as vehicles have been prohibited, the commuting time has reduced from 1 hour to about 35-40 minutes," said Shaikh Omar, a resident of Yeshwantpur.

Shyam M, Inspector of Peenya Traffic Police Station, said, "We have been stopping HTVs near the Tumakuru toll gate. They are not allowed during the peak hours between 7:30 am and 10:30 am, and between 4 pm - 8 pm. HTVs coming during the peak hours are asked to park on one side of the road and are not allowed to go. Normal goods vehicles that are four-wheelers are allowed. We have been carrying out strict enforcement." Kala Krishnamurthy, DCP Traffic East, said they have prohibited HTVs in areas like KR Puram, Electronic City, and Whitefield. Traffic police have been on ground and checking up on these vehicles, and any HTV passing by the city during peak hours will be fined, he said. He added that the prohibition will be carried out daily now.

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Not the spot
Kasavanahalli

In GR Layout, Kasavanahalli, people are parking vehicles on the street instead of parking lots.

Stop dumping waste
JP Nagar

This vacant site near Kothanur Dinne, JP Nagar 8th Phase has turned into a dumping ground for people.

Fill up potholes
Vasanthnagar

There are potholes which are yet to be filled up near Race Course Road, Vasanthnagar.

Rape accused has criminal record: Cops

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Shivakumar, the accused bus driver, threatened the victim at knife-point that he would kill her if she informed anyone about the crime; she took a picture of the bus later

Additional Commissioner of Police Sandeep Patil said that the criminal background of the accused who raped a woman in a bus in the city, which came to light on November 30, will be investigated.

Speaking about the incident, Patil said, "On the evening of November 29, a woman was waiting for the bus. When she boarded a school bus coming from Nayandahalli, she was raped by the driver. Police are investigating the case and looking into the background of the accused as he has also committed the same crime in the past." According to the police, the driver also threatened the woman with a knife. "He told her that he would kill her if she informed anyone that he had raped her," added Patil. The driver had fled the scene after the incident. The woman took a picture of the bus after that, which led to the arrest of the accused, Shivakumar, who was taken into custody and interrogated. Patil stated that he had committed such a crime in the past and his criminal background is being investigated.

NCB questions three over 'drug use'

Meanwhile, three women have been taken into custody by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) for allegedly consuming drugs.

The NCB officials received a tip off from a source and then raided the apartment in Madiwala police station limits.

"The NCB officials were told that some young women living in the apartment were consuming drugs. During the raid, the three women were taken into custody. All three of them have been detained and are being interrogated," informed police.

According to the police, one of the accused bought the drugs from the internet.

Two held for selling fake idols

Police arrested two men who were reportedly cheating the public by selling fake idols. The men were trying to palm off the idols to people, by claiming that they were antiques and brought luck to the buyer Under the leadership of Srinivas Gowda, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Central Division, the police arrested both of them.

"These men were selling idols to the public at a high price saying that the idols have magical powers and that hey are ancient. We got a tip off that these are ordinary idols, but the public is getting deceived by the accused," said the police.

A case has been registered against the two men in Vyalikaval Police Station.

Bengaluru to level up food street game

BBMP to remodel VV Puram food street at estimated cost of Rs 6 crore

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Food vendors at VV Puram food street during city's much-loved 'Avarekai Mela' (File photo)

Bengaluru may get its first 'official' food street as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Paike (BBMP) is now planning to remodel VV Puram food street. Although the city has a few food streets, there are none which have been re-designed by the civic agency. VV Puram food street is estimated to be remodeled at a cost of Rs 6 crore. BBMP officials have also said that they are planning to renovate the stretch on the lines of Commercial Street.

BBMP Special Commissioner (South) Jayaram Raipura said that the food street is open between 6 pm to midnight at present and there is hardly any infrastructure in place. People are forced to stand on roads and eat.

"They are often disturbed by moving vehicles. For a long time, the food vendors have been demanding the upgradation of infrastructure. Hence, we have decided to redesign the street like Commercial Street. The project cost is pegged at Rs 5 to Rs 6 crore and the work may start in December. It will take a few months before the work is complete. We are also planning to change the pavements at the nearby Sajjan Rao Circle as well," said Raipura. Chickpet MLA Uday Garudachar said that as there was no space to sit for eating food, providing better infrastructure in the food street should be taken up on priority basis. Meanwhile, officials said that there were plans to ban vehicles on weekends.

The VV Puram food street is one of the oldest food streets of the city. The entire street is dotted with stalls and vendors who offer a variety of food. However, there are a host of problems for both the vendors and the customers. "Firstly, we come from far-away places to eat food here, but there is no proper space for parking. The BBMP should plan to provide parking for both two-wheelers and cars. Only when you have ample parking space can customers visit the place. Secondly, the road is quite narrow and filled with people. There is a need to improve the infrastructure as VV Puram food street is one of the 'must visit' places when one is on a gastronomical trail of the city," said Sandhya R, a college student.

"We come from far-away places to eat food here, but there is no proper space for parking. BBMP should plan to provide parking for two-wheelers and cars
–Sandhya R, college student

Suresh S, a regular visitor, said that the BBMP has been planning to provide hygiene training to vendors here for a long time. He said that training should be given to all food vendors so that customers are assured of quality and hygiene. Meanwhile, the vendors at the food street called the move a welcome one. One of the food vendors said, "We have been requesting the authorities to upgrade infrastructure for the last five years and we hope the works start soon. However, we have seen in the past that once the work starts, it drags on. We request authorities to stick to the timeline, otherwise it can hamper our business. For the last two years, our businesses were hit due to covid restrictions. This year, although restrictions have eased and people are coming out to eat again, we have been dealing with incessant rainfall which also affected our business."

Another vendor said if the Palike plans to remodel the place like Commercial Street, they must learn from mistakes made there such as using poor quality materials that led to water leakage.

Leopards at large in city

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Two leopards spotted in different parts of the city on Wednesday have kept Forest Department officials on their toes. According to the officials, while one of the big cats was spotted near Chikkajala on Kempegowda International Airport Road, the other one was seen near Turahalli forest in south Bengaluru.

The department has placed cages in both locations to trap the animals so they can be relocated to a safer environment. However, so far, both leopards are at large.

"We have placed cages in both locations. Our people are moving around and keeping a watch in these areas. If we spot the leopard, we will tranquilize and catch it before we relocate it to its natural habitat," said Kumar Pushkar, APCCF (wildlife), Karnataka Forest Department. Officials say there is nothing to fear as the animals have not harmed any human beings, cattle, or pet animals so far.

"We have kept the cages with baits, and if the animal is still in the surrounding area, it will surely come looking for food. The cats must be scared themselves as they are not used to the city environment. There is no need to be scared," added Pushkar. SS Ravishankar, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Bengaluru Urban), told Bangalore Mirror that the department is currently avoiding extensive search activity as it might disturb the animals that are already terrified.

"We are relying on the animals walking into the cages on their own so that they can be rescued. We cannot suddenly disturb a wild animal as it might behave erratically. Chances of the cats going back to nearby forest reserve areas on their own are also high," said Ravishankar.

Reports of a chital deer hunted by a leopard have also been making rounds in the media. Experts say the location where the chital has been killed is part of the BM Kaval Reserved Forests, one of the areas where leopards are found. They are also naturally found in UM Kaval, Roerich Estate, TK Falls, Gollahalligudda, and adjoining areas. These forests are further connected to Bannerghatta National Park, which is why it is natural to find leopards in these areas.

"There is no need for people to panic if they take precautions. Do not walk inside or on the edges of these forests at night. If you are walking in these areas after dark, it is better to walk with an accomplice by talking or playing music. Leopards do not attack anyone and people are not their natural prey," said Sanjay Gubbi, wildlife biologist.

Remains of the party at Chunchaghatta Lake

Morning walkers dismayed to find waste from crackers and plastic debris from a function held on premises

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Plastic materials, foil plates, burnt out crackers line the area bordering the lake; banners of the event still seen at the gate

Morning walkers at Chunchaghatta Lake in South Bengaluru on Thursday were in for a surprise to see over half an acre of land around the water body completely covered in waste from crackers and plastic material.

Locals say the lake area was used for an event recently and the cracker waste was generated during the celebrations.

"There was an event held inside the lake's premise between November 25 and November 27. Pandals were put up and a religious function was organised over the two days leading to all the garbage inside the lake premise," said a regular walker at the lake.

The 18-acre waterbody was rejuvenated a couple of years ago by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) at the cost of Rs 2.7 crore.

According to Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a lake activist, the BBMP, which is the lake custodian, should not allow such an event to take place on the lake premise.

Experts say the lake has a history of many bird species visiting it, including four near-threatened bird species: Oriental Darter, Spot-billed Pelican, Black-headed Ibis and Painted Storks. However, the rich biodiversity can be threatened by such activities.

"A lot of banners and remains of the event can still be seen on the lake fence. It is an ecologically sensitive area with various bird species visiting the waterbody. I was at the lake on November 26 and the pandals were being set up inside the lake boundary. The BBMP officials concerned should not have allowed this to happen," said Pachhapur.

Locals also raised the issue of slack security. They say the area is rarely monitored by security guards and there are no caretakers to manage the waterbody and raise any issues to higher authorities when required.

"I go for walks there but rarely have I seen security guards around the lake guarding the area. Moreover, the water quality is deteriorating with each passing day. The lake has become almost green. The issue was raised a few days back and sewage entry through one of the inlets was taken care of. However, untreated water is still seeping through the wetland and impacting the waterbody," said another concerned citizen.

"Untreated water is directly entering the lake through the wetland. While we have reached out to the BBMP officials concerned, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board officials must step in and do the needful. Lack of grievance redressal mechanism with BWSSB is acting as a big hindrance," added Pachhapur.

> **A lot of banners and remains of the event can still be seen on the lake's fence**
>
> —Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a lake activist

When BM reached out to the BBMP official concerned, they denied saying no such event was allowed on the lake's premises.

Disposal free of garbage bags

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BBMP by-laws for solid waste management.

"In line with Rule 4(1)(a) of SWM Rules, 2016, ... all Solid Waste including Bio-degradable Waste shall not be wrapped in plastic bags for handing over to BBMP or Notified Service Provider/Agency. There shall be only bin-to-bin transfer of such waste i.e., from segregated waste bin to bin (storage space) of waste collector autos," the by-laws say.

"Every state and city has its own version of bans and regulations; so since the CPCB-approved compostable bags are legal in other places, they are manufactured and are available for sale online. However, in Bengaluru, the waste segregation is strictly bin-to-bin, without any garbage bin lining," Dr Tummala explained.

Chitra Jayaramaiah, BBMP assistant executive engineer for solid waste management, said the civic agency is trying to inform and educate people about not using any kind of lining for their garbage bins.

"Even the compostable bags may contain small amounts of plastic. So our aim is to minimise the use as much as possible. That is why as per BBMP, the citizens are not allowed to use single-use or even compostable garbage bags for segregation. Our officers are trying to raise awareness about this on the ground though many people are still unaware of it... There is still some improvement and many people have started to rectify themselves and start bin-to-bin waste collection only," she said.

Meanwhile, experts and activists suggested completely avoiding using garbage bags, and instead rinsing the garbage bins after every use to minimise plastic waste.

Dug up footpath poses danger

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construction of the skywalk came to a grinding halt.

BMTC commuters and students of Government Ramnarayan Chellaram College that BM spoke to expressed displeasure over the pitiable condition of the footpath.

"I thought the construction of the skywalk would be over within a month but the work was stopped after the footpath was dug up. I do not know the reason why the work came to a halt but I want the BBMP to complete the construction of the skywalk as early as possible," said Swathi N, a student.

Sreelekha S, another student, expressed shock over the apathy and negligence of the BBMP in restoring the footpath that was dug up. She said the dug up portion of the footpath has become an eyesore and poses danger to unwary pedestrians.

"It will be better if the BMBP takes measures to restore the footpath to avoid pedestrians or children falling into the ditch. The BBMP engineers should have consulted with the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) engineers before digging up the footpath," said Sreelekha.

With the delay in restoring the footpath, pedestrians are now compelled to walk on the road thus making them vulnerable to road accidents.

"I find it difficult to walk on the road near the footpath that is dug up because this road is one of the busy roads in the city. I expect the authorities concerned to fix this problem without further delay," said Shivananda P, a BMTC commuter.

Nagesh P, a BMTC commuter, said the ditch has become a danger for the commuters waiting for BMTC buses. "I appeal to the BBMP to restore the footpath without wasting time. I think lack of coordination between the BBMP and the BWSSB engineers is the main reason for this mess," said Nagesh.

Meanwhile, BBMP engineer-in-chief BS Prahlad said the BBMP has decided to relocate the skywalk a few hundred metres away from the spot that was dug up.

"The contractor is supposed to restore the footpath and commence the work at another place on the same road. He did not turn up to restore the footpath. We have lodged a criminal complaint against the contractor at the High Grounds Police Station," said Prahlad.

He further noted that measures would be taken to restore the footpath and commence the skywalk construction shortly.

Farmers in tears after price crash

Tomato and onion growers are a worried lot as the bumper harvest has led to a crash in prices in the state.

The Kolar district fruits and vegetable growers struggle committee has demanded the government announce a minimum support price for onion and tomato growers to safeguard the interests of farmers.

According to sources in the Yeshwanthpur Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) Yard here, onion prices had dropped to somewhere between Rs 2 per kg and Rs 10, a few days ago.

However, it has now stabilised in the range of Rs 12 to Rs 18 per kg depending on the quality of the produce. "Even Rs 12 a kg is a pittance for all our hardship. A decent amount goes in transportation, loading and unloading and investment made on growing the crop," an onion grower in Bengaluru said.

People bringing their produce from far flung areas with a hope of getting a good price were a disappointed lot.

The Kolar district fruits and vegetable growers struggle committee president Neelaturu Chinnappa Reddy has demanded that the government announce minimum support price for onions, potatoes and tomatoes. "We vegetable growers are in tears. For all the hard work, labour, investment and months of waiting, we are hardly getting a return of Rs 1.5 for each kilogram of tomatoes these days. For two quintals of tomatoes grown, we are getting only Rs 300," Reddy said.

-PTI

Border row spills to college event

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A college student was thrashed by his classmates in Belagavi for allegedly displaying the Kannada flag during a college event, pro-Kannada activist Deepak Gudaganatti alleged on Thursday.

Gudaganatti, who is the district president of Karave, alleged that the boy was dancing at the college event with the Kannada flag in his hand. He further alleged that the police did not register a case against the culprits when the victim went to file the complaint.

Gudaganatti demanded action against the police personnel who allegedly denied registering his case and also sought action against the alleged perpetrators. Tires were set on fire in the RPD circle and outrage. The protest was led by Deepak Gudaganatti, district president of the Karnataka rakshana Vedike. "Action should be taken against those who attacked the student who was dancing with the Kannada flag," Gudaganatti said.

Protesting against the assault, a group of Karave activists tied a Kannada flag to the main gate of Karnataka Law Society in Belagavi.

-ANI

Anybody game to fund Nallur tamarind grove restoration?

Forest Dept to explore options to raise money to fence 2.5-km perimeter of biodiversity site

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The Karnataka Forest Department is now exploring avenues of funding to ensure a comprehensive restoration and conservation work of Nallur Tamarind Grove, India's first biodiversity heritage site located in Devanahalli.

As per officials from the department, the sum of Rs 5 lakh that was released by the Karnataka Biodiversity Board (KBB) towards the restoration of the site will only be used for clearing the site of invasive species.

"We are asking a few NGOs and foundations to contribute through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for all-inclusive restoration work at the site. Nallur grove is not a reserve forest and thus we wanted to fence it. However, fencing the 2.5-km perimeter of the grove will cost us Rs 1 crore approximately," said Sumitkumar Subhashrao Patil, Bengaluru Rural DCF, Karnataka Forest Department.

The lack of fencing has led to unchecked grazing activities from nearby villages. Experts say animals feeding on lower branches of heritage trees and shrubs will have a negative impact on soil quality and the trees too.

The CSR fund will be used to restore the site by clearing the debris, fencing the entire area's perimeter, and installing signboards inside the grove for the visitors to navigate.

While the Bengaluru Rural division of the department was allocated a fund of Rs 1.5 crore for the upkeep and conservation work, the majority of the fund is being used to secure the zones that are under immediate threat of encroachment.

There are as many as 68 small and big forests in Bengaluru's rural limit and most of them are facing the threat of encroachment as per the officials.

"The city is expanding and rural areas are under a lot of pressure. There are many sensitive places where encroachment is already happening, and we are removing them. These are the areas that require protection on priority. We had an allocation of Rs 1.5 crore, but we are using most of it to secure these critical areas. We are currently fencing Savakanahalli and the forest patch near Nandi Hills," informed Patil.

Officials say while the Nallur bio heritage site requires conservation activities to be taken up, there are no encroachment issues. "Fencing will help keep cattle out and stop grazing. There is a belief that it is a spiritual place and thus encroachment is not an issue," said an official from the department who also informed that the CSR funds will be secured over the next two months before conservation work can begin at the site.

Notably, the botanical marvel with over 300 trees was declared a biodiversity heritage site in 2007. Over a period of time, the site has been taken over by invasive species and weeds, threatening the heritage trees. Environment activists have been demanding that the restoration work be prioritised and begun fast.

As of now Rs 5 lakh has been released by Karnataka Biodiversity Board for the Nallur Tamarind Grove

BangaloreMirror

Just enough money for superficial cleaning of tamarind grove

BM reported on September 22 how funds released for grove were insufficient for its restoration

'Will dig trenches to trap wild elephants'

The farmers and coffee planters of Hassan district in Karnataka who have incurred heavy crop losses due to the elephant menace, have warned the authorities that they will dig trenches around their farms to trap the wild elephants.

The warning of the farmers of Kattalli village near Sakleshpur town came on Thursday when forest department officials visited the area to assess the crop loss due to elephants. The villagers maintained that the government is not bothered about the elephant menace and is not giving any directions to the forest department to deal with the issue. If the government tells the forest department to drive away the elephant herds from this region, the task would be completed in a day. But, the government is not taking any decision in this regard, the villagers stated.

They said that in about eight days their crops will be destroyed. Hence, they will dig a 25 feet deep trench measuring 20x20 around their farms. "When the elephants fall into the trench, you (forest department officials) come, lift and take them away," the farmers stated.

They said they will dig the trenches on their farms and not on the land belonging to the forest department. Until the elephants fall into the trenches and their trumpeting is heard by the government, there will be no solution to the elephant menace, the farmers told the officials.

The situation in the region is so serious that if their phone call is not received, family members come rushing to the farm fearing an elephant attack, the farmers said."We have sown and nurtured the coffee plants like our own children. We will wait till Saturday. If no action is taken, you will find all the elephants in trenches by Monday or Tuesday," they warned. **-IANS**

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PLAY IT SAFE? NO WAY

Alaya F wants to do good work and experiment all the way

Actress Alaya F, who currently awaits the release of her upcoming film 'Freddy', feels that it is a whole new journey for her and says that she has consistently tried to avoid "playing it safe".

"The last three years for me have been just about working on projects and wrapping them up. And now that they have been shot, I am really excited for the audiences to see them. I feel like a whole new journey for me is beginning and it feels so fresh, I'm full of nerves and full of excitement. I feel the same way I felt before my first film was released," she said.

Alaya added: "I want to jump at every opportunity and I feel like I have so much to prove. I just want to do really good, honest work. I'll always experiment with genres and projects so I hope I just get wonderful opportunities that can further my journey. I hope people take note of how different Freddy is from my first and how I've consistently tried to avoid 'playing it safe'."

She said: "I'm just grateful I get to act my way into people's lives though films again and I'm even more grateful that it's through a special film like Freddy." —IANS

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

The mystery deepens

Srivatsa R, a chartered accountant from Yeshwanthpur, is ready with his directorial debut Dwipatra. The movie's shoot is completed and awaiting certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification.

"The film's script is inspired by a series of murders that took place in Thiruvananthapuram in 2016. It is a murder mystery revolving around human cloning and bone marrow transplantation scam," Srivatsa said. He said he was happy to have veteran character actors Avinash and Malavika Avinash in the star cast. "Both are a happy couple in real life but in this movie they play roles that oppose each other. Malavika madam plays a civil engineer while Avinash sir is a CBI officer in this movie," he said. So how did Srivatsa manage to handle the megaphone for a murder mystery? "I am trained in film making from Blue Ocean Film and Television Academy (BOFTA), Chennai. I have done a few short films before this," he said.

Just 6 actors

Ranjit Rao, after proving his mettle directing over 500 episodes of different TV shows, is trying his luck with the silver screen. Rao is making his debut as a director in Sandalwood with Prayashaha which is scheduled for release shortly. Rao, a final year engineering drop out from Shivamogga, preferred to pursue his passion towards filmmaking than following an engineer's trajectory. "My father supported me when I told him about my passion. I am playing a double role – director and producer – for this movie," Rao said with a smile.

Rahul Amin, who is a familiar face in Tamil and Telugu film industries, plays the lead while veteran heroine Vinaya Prasad's niece Krishna Bhat is the female lead in this movie. The other specialty of this movie is that it has only six actors. "The movie revolves around the characters played by these six actors," the director said. The director is brimming with confidence about the film's success. "I did not scout for well-known actors as it is the script is important to make audiences come to theaters," he said.

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Zendaya and Tom Holland are reportedly engaged! At least that's what the viral Twitter rumours seem to suggest.

Fans of the 'Spider-Man' couple, went wild on social media reacting to the rumour that took over top trends. Fans extended their heartiest congratulations to the two, who have reportedly been an item since they starred together in the 2016 movie, 'Spider-Man: Homecoming', where Tom played Peter Parker and Zendaya played MJ.

"When Zendaya and Tom Holland get married he's gonna take her last name and become just Tom," a fan quipped in a tweet that has gone viral online.

"Tom is gonna be Mr. Zendaya now," replied one fan. It's not unlikely given the pair have reportedly grown closer recently.

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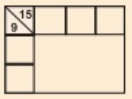
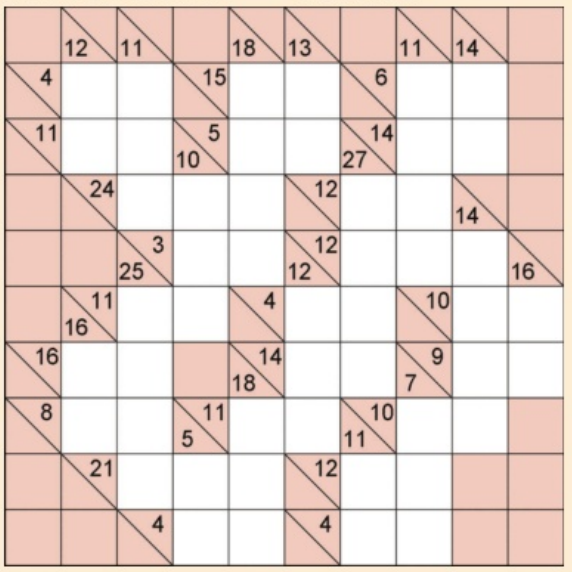
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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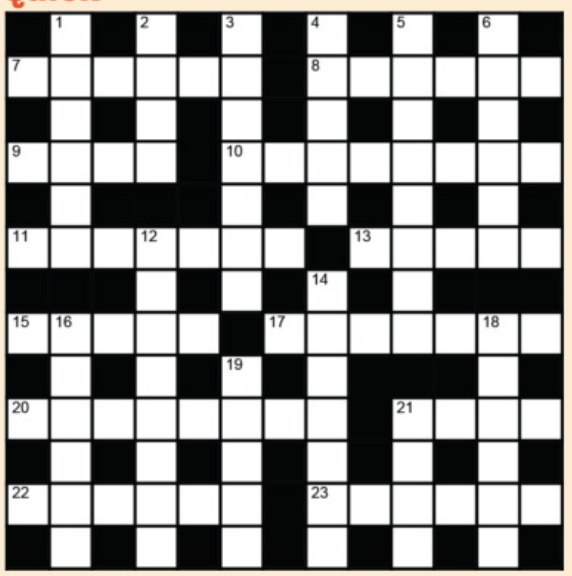


ACROSS

7 Derrick (3,3)
8 L in IPL or EPL (6)
9 Writing liquids (4)
10 A piece of lab equipment (4-4)
11 K in J & K ? (7)
13 Grass cutter? (5)
15 Transmit or broadcast (5)
17 Disparage? (3,4)
20 Teasing or harassing, badgering (8)
21 Cotton pod (4)
22 Increase; arrive (4,2)
23 Incompetent person (6)

DOWN

1 Austria's capital (6)
2 Causes irritation (4)
3 Exercise in vanity (3,4)
4 Poker hand (5)
5 An authoritative statement (4,4)
6 Fall or roll end over end (6)
12 Accumulating by skimping? (8)
14 Turn "a bridge" around to get a popular road (7)
16 Worthy of a look! (6)
18 Sleep ___ : somnambulist? (6)
19 Lively (5)
21 Fan or enthusiast (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS T

XJIE VXO PNQIZ ZNOH UNV RUNP XNP VXO NVXOQ XJIE IDBOH.

Linemaro

Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?

Mindchow

If you're going through hell, keep going

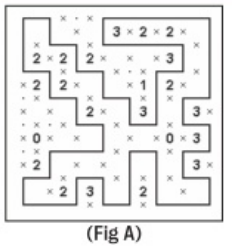
Joke of the day

As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in schools

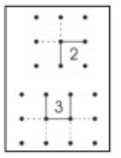
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

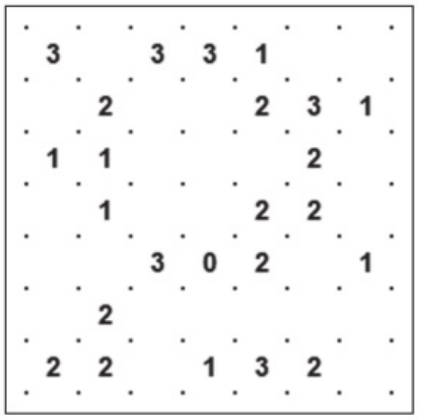


(Fig B) Not Allowed

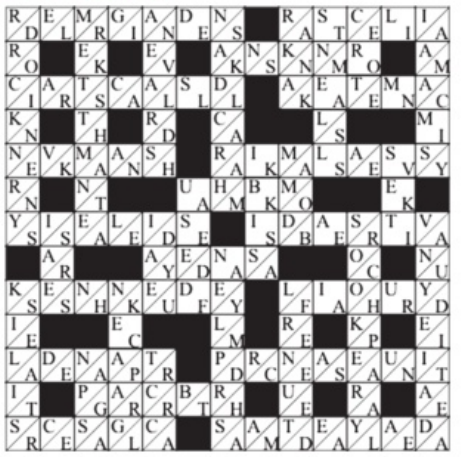
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



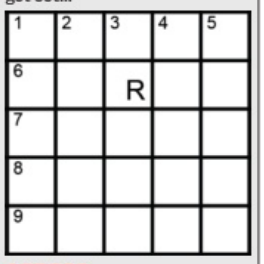
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

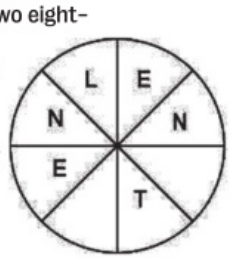
1 A doll; 6 V Lara;
7 No rig; 8 Genoa;
9 Slope

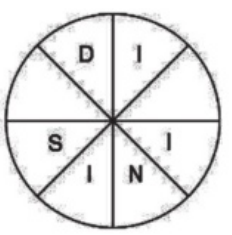
DOWN

1 A gall; 2 Goral;
3 Do Pro; 4 Envoi;
5 Leans

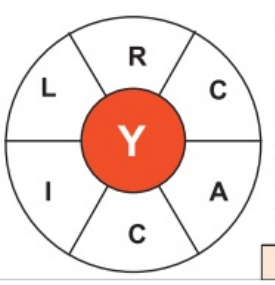
Mensapuzzle

Work clockwise round the circles to spell out two eight-letter words that are antonyms. Each word commences in a different circle, and you must find the starting point of each. Every letter is used once each and all letters are consecutive.





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **06** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	1	7	9					
								7
8			2				5	1
	7			6	8		2	
	6	5				1	3	
	4		1	2			6	
9	8				7			5
5								
					6	4	8	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

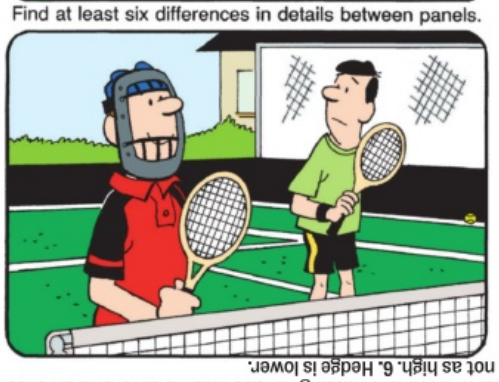
Easy = 9
2 4 7 8

Medium = 11
5 7 7 8

Hard = 63
3 9 9 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. **2.** Ball is moved. **3.** Wristband is missing. **4.** Face mask is different. **5.** Fence is not as high. **6.** Hedge is lower.

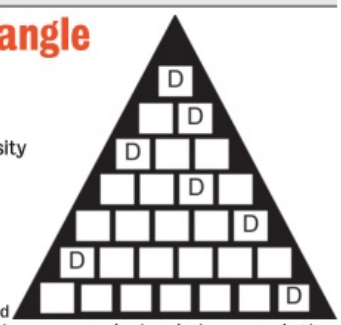
Riddler

In each group below, the three words end in the same three letters, so they look like they should rhyme, but they don't. See if you can figure out the missing letters in each group. Example: plo___, tho___, to___ would be plough, though, tough.

1. eng___, f___, mar___
2. c___, car___, s___
3. ag___, g___, h___

Alpha triangle

1 500 in numerals
2 Anno Domini
3 A great bird
4 Ordered
5 Reduced in intensity
6 Argue
7 Helped a felon



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

YOU LEAVES MUST HAVE A GREAT LIFE
I'VE ALREADY FALLEN, SO I'M ACTUALLY DEAD
OH
YOU LOOK GOOD FOR A DEAD GUY
THANKS. YOU, TOO
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Hart of the city

THEATER STAGE
GO DEERS
EAT VEGIES BE HAPPY
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
WE ALMOST GOT CAUGHT!
NO, WE ALMOST WON THE BLACK LOTUS CARD!
DEAN, I'M SURE THAT WAS A LIE. A RUMOR STARTED BY ANDY AND RANDY TO GET KIDS TO PLAY.
...
SO WHO HAS THE BLACK LOTUS?!
BE HAPPY !
HART OF THE CITY © 2022 ANDREWS MCMEEL

Crankshaft

THANKS FOR AGREEING TO MEET WITH US ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE!
JUST SAY THE WORD PIZZA AND MAX IS THERE.
BASICALLY, WE'RE BUYING THE VALENTINE THEATER, AND BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE THERE... WE'D LIKE TO HIRE YOU TO RUN AND MANAGE THE THEATER WHEN WE'RE NOT HERE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
THINK OF US AS YOUR SILENT FILM PARTNERS!
BATIUK & DAVIS
9-22

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel unhappy. Some old health issues may arise, which can make you impatient. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless things. You are advised to control your short-tempered nature. Love birds are advised to avoid discussion on worthless topics, otherwise they might break up.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are likely to enjoy your domestic and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help with completion of your work. you may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office. Promotions may happen.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be busy on the work front. With the help of elders, you are likely to implement some new innovations in work. You may be ethical and will follow rules while dealing with the people around you, which may give you inner peace and strength.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be satisfied with your responsibilities at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit a spiritual place to maintain your inner peace and positivity. Your elders may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel dull, so it is advised to keep your mind cool. It is a golden rule for you to think twice before any act. You may travel to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success. You may also be attracted to the occult.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel good. Family harmony will make you happy. You will meet some influential people to get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well at your job. You may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property are likely to settle down.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may find yourself in a state of self-analysis, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear. You may get success easily. Your creativity might improve and you will take an interest in artefacts, movies, glamour, and real-life objects. At the end of the day, you may be satisfied with your life. Your opponents may be under control now.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may have mixed situations around you. It is advised to not expect more from anyone around you as that can make you disappointed. Today you may be in a state of self-exploration and analysis, which may allow you to filter yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel more confident and be prepared to accept challenges.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may feel some negativity around you, which could make you upset. You may find your responsibilities to be a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete tasks given to you. You could make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may be slowed down, which will affect your day-to-day work. Your projects are likely to be delayed and could affect your professional life.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a positive day for you. You may get success for your hard work on the professional front. You may have good focus and may complete your work before time, which can improve your self confidence. You may also expect some work-related short trips, which may be beneficial in the future in terms of your network.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are blessed by the moon. You can expect to get some inherited assets. You may perform with patience on the work front, which will increase your efficiency. You may be polite with the people around you. You may put less effort into day-to-day work. You may use your communication skills to get new business in terms of progress on the work front.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may give you patience. Externally, you may face some work-related stress, but your inner senses may be calm and cool, which may help you balance everything. You may enjoy every moment in your work and domestic life. Your parents' health is now alright. You may hear some good news from your siblings.

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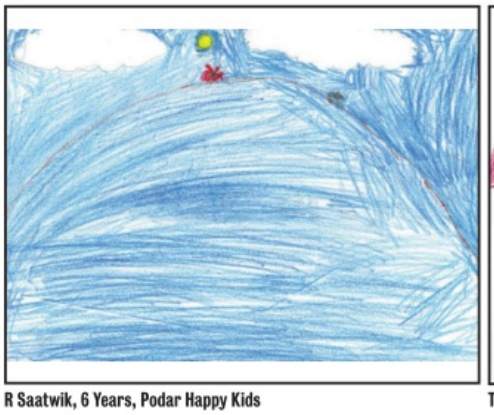

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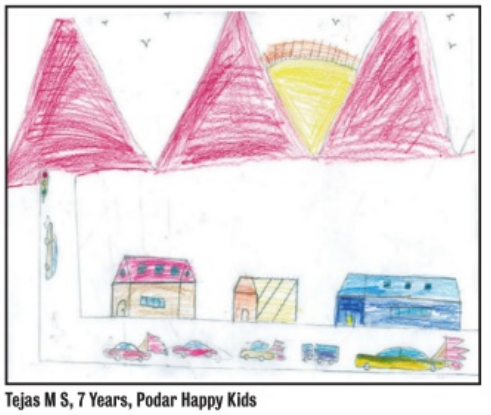

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Distance remaining is 1/4 as long as the distance he has already travelled.
This means, if he had travelled 4 parts, he has 1 more part to travel. That will be a total of 5 equal parts (100 miles), with each part being 20 miles.
Distance already travelled (4 parts) = 80 miles
Distance remaining (1 part) = 20 miles

BULL'S EYE
ACRYLIC, airy, clay, lacy, lyric, racy

FAST FIVE

A	L	D	O	L
L	A	R	V	A
A	G	O	N	E
G	R	O	I	N
L	O	P	E	S

STRIKE OUT

S	C	A	L	A	■	S	A	D	E	Y	E	D	■	■
T	■	G	A	R	T	H	■	E	■	R	■	E	■	■
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
LENGTHEN, DIMINISH

RIDDLER
1. engine, fine, marine,
2. gate, garage, sate,
3. agave, gave, have

QUOTE UNCODE
Half the world does not know how the other half lives.

SUDOKU

6	1	7	9	5	3	8	4	2
4	5	2	6	8	1	3	9	7
8	9	3	2	7	4	6	5	1
1	7	9	3	6	8	5	2	4
2	6	5	7	4	9	1	3	8
3	4	8	1	2	5	7	6	9
9	8	6	4	3	7	2	1	5
5	3	4	8	1	2	9	7	6
7	2	1	5	9	6	4	8	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
D, AD, Dab,
Bade, Bated,
Debate,
Abetted.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 7 – 2 – 4 = 9
Medium
7 + 7 – 8 + 5 = 11
Hard
3 + 5 x 9 – 9 = 63

LOOP

KAKURO

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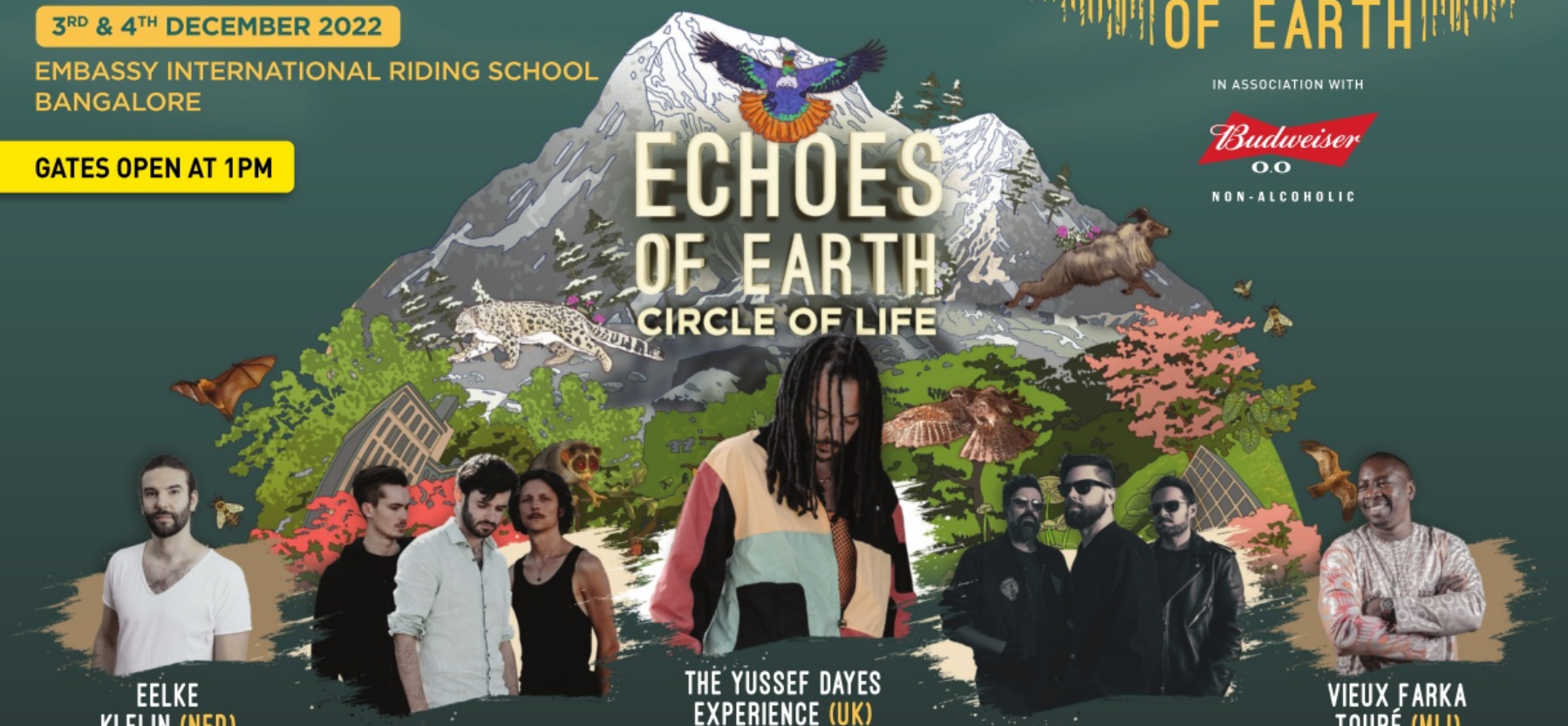

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